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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, June 21, 2010  
Town Hall - Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Maurice Blanchette, Laurie Burstein, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard, Lori Spielman, Ronald Stomberg, John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Director; Peter Hany, Sr., President, Ellington Ambulance Corps; Edward Kramer, John Golon, William Blitz and Dave Skoczulek of North Central District Health Department; John Rachek, Anna Turner, Rick Neal and Karen Neal; Larry Smith, Hartford Courant Reporter

Prior to calling the meeting to order, First Selectman, Maurice Blanchette, recognized the following commission and agency members for 10 years of service to the Town of Ellington and presented each with a proclamation:

**Anna Turner, Municipal Agent**

**Marie Bedor, Board of Assessment Appeals** [not in attendance]

## Board of Selectmen:

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Blanchette called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:34 p.m.

### II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

No one came forward.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### A. May 11, 2010 Annual Town Budget Meeting:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2010.

#### B. May 17, 2010 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting:

MOVED (STOMBERG), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2010.

C. June 9, 2010 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting:

MOVED (SPIELMAN), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED [AYE: BURSTEIN/ PRICHARD/SPIELMAN/STOMBERG/TURNER; ABSTAIN: MILLER] TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2010.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90.00, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2010. [Attached].

B. Presentation by John Golon – Ellington Representative – NCDHD Board of Directors:

Mr. Blanchette introduced Mr. Golon who distributed a report to the BOS of the activities of the past year. He introduced William Blitz, Director of Health. Mr. Blitz reviewed the report in detail. Mr. Golon introduced Dave Skoczulek, Technology Committee Chairman, who reviewed the NCDHD Improvement Plan Activities graph. Mr. Turner asked what percentage of the NCDHD's annual operating budget is funded by the State of Connecticut. Mr. Blitz said that funding comes from three sources; the district which is \$1.85 per capita; funding from its member towns of \$4.05 per capita and an annual per capita grant from the Connecticut State Department of Public Health.

C. Re-establish Ad Hoc Design Review Board:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO JUNE 30, 2011.

D. Budget Execution – July and August:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO EXPEND BOARDS', AGENCIES' AND DEPARTMENTS' BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2010, PENDING BUDGET EXECUTION APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

E. Allocation of Funds from Sale of Ambulance:

Mr. Blanchette asked the BOS to review documents that were distributed which included a memo from Peter Hany, EVAC President, requesting the transfer of the proceeds from the sale of the 2003 ambulance to the Ambulance Fee Program Fund and a report from Mr. DiCorleto detailing the Fund. Mr. Blanchette and Mr. DiCorleto reviewed with the BOS the financial information on page 2. Mr. Hany reported that beginning now, all checks received by EVAC for ambulance fees will be submitted to the Finance Department for processing. Mr. Turner asked for details regarding how this process will work and Mr. Hany and Mr. DiCorleto reviewed the process. Mr. Turner asked if the intent is for the next few years to be rebuilding years for the fund for the future purchase of an ambulance or any major equipment that may be needed and Mr. Hany confirmed that this is the intent. Mr. Turner asked for an update on this process in three months. Mr. Miller

asked for an explanation regarding the difference between the budgeted amount and the actual amount expended in the uniform account. Mr. Hany replied that the previous uniform was custom-made which was not practical or cost-effective, so the new, more practical uniforms were transitioned in. Mr. DiCorleto asked Mr. Hany to provide monthly bank statements from November 2009 to the present for the record. Mr. Hany stated that he will provide those copies to Mr. DiCorleto.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE 2003 AMBULANCE THAT WAS SOLD TO AMBULANCE SERVICE OF MANCHESTER, LLC, BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO THE AMBULANCE FEE FOR SERVICE FUND, AS REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT OF THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS.

F. Visiting Nurse and Health Services Contract:

Deferred to the next meeting because the contract has not yet been received.

G. Parks and Recreation Commission – Waterfront/Day Camp Staff 2010

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF SUMMER STAFF, AS APPROVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE MEMOS SUBMITTED BY PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR AND RECREATION SUPERVISOR DATED MAY 20, 2010 AND JUNE 9, 2010. [Attached].

H. Exempt Salary Ranges 2010-2011

Mr. Blanchette noted that the BOS were provided a copy of the salary ranges for exempt employees that went into effect in 2008 and have not increased since. Mr. Blanchette noted that a few employees are either at the top of the range or above it and an increase in the range would bring them back into range. Mr. Blanchette recommended a 3.25% adjustment to the range to keep in line with what the unions have implemented and in consideration of the Town employees receiving no raises last year. Mr. Miller noted that the current economy does not support a 3.25% increase, but because of the sacrifices of the Town employees, he would suggest a 1.5% increase to the ranges. Discussion was held regarding the options available for consideration. Mr. Blanchette asked the BOS to keep in mind the quality of people who are working for the Town of Ellington and the contributions that they make to the Town every day. He added that the money to cover the suggested 3.25% has been budgeted with the anticipation that the BOS may match the percentage that the unionized employees will be receiving on July 1, 2010. Mr. Miller noted that it is important to take into account how an increase or decrease in benefits equates to salary. Mr. Blanchette encouraged the BOS to consider the importance of staying competitive in the market to attract and retain high-quality employees.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (TURNER) AND PASSED [AYE: SPIELMAN/STOMBERG/BURSTEIN/MILLER/TURNER; NAY: BLANCHETTE/PRICHARD] TO INCREASE THE EXEMPT SALARY CLASSIFICATION RANGES FOR 2010-11 BY 1.5%.

Mr. Blanchette stated that he needs to address the issue of people who are at or above the range. Discussion was held regarding the options available and the following motion was made:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED [AYE: SPIELMAN/ STOMBERG/ PRICHARD/ TURNER; NAY: BLANCHETTE/MILLER/ BURSTEIN] TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN SALARY OF UP TO 1.5% ABOVE THE ADJUSTED RANGE FOR THE EXEMPT AND NON-REPRESENTED SALARIED EMPLOYEES WHOSE SALARIES ARE ABOVE THE MAXIMUM FOR 2010-11.

Mr. Hany returned to the meeting and presented copies of the bank statements that Mr. DiCorleto requested. Mr. Turner thanked him for his effort.

I. Resolution – EVFD Aerial Ladder Truck Five-year Lease

Mr. Blanchette explained that the new company is requesting a new resolution since it has been a few years since the last resolution regarding this master lease agreement was passed. Mr. Blanchette noted the cost of the lease and interest rate is now lower, but otherwise the motion is the same one that the BOS passed a few years ago. The Town Attorney has reviewed the motion and said it is appropriate.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT, EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE NO. 01, AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the **Town of Ellington** ("Lessee") desires to obtain certain equipment (the "Equipment") described in Equipment Schedule No. 01 to the Master Lease Agreement (collectively, the "Lease") with **Leasing 2, Inc.**, the form of which has been available for review by the governing body of Lessee prior to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Equipment is essential for the Lessee to perform its governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, the funds made available under the Lease will be deposited into an Escrow Account pursuant to the Lease and will be applied to the acquisition of the Equipment in accordance with the Lease; and

WHEREAS, Lessee has taken the necessary steps, including those relating to any applicable legal bidding requirements, to arrange for the acquisition of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, Lessee proposes to enter into the Lease with **Leasing 2, Inc.**, substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby found and determined that the terms of the Lease and related instruments (collectively, the "Financing Documents") in the forms presented to this meeting and incorporated in this resolution are in the best interests of Lessee for the acquisition of the Equipment.

Section 2. The Financing Documents and the acquisition and financing of the Equipment under the terms and conditions as described in the Financing Documents are hereby approved.

The First Selectman of Lessee and any other officer of Lessee who shall have power to execute contracts on behalf of Lessee be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute, acknowledge

and deliver the Financing Documents with any changes, insertions and omissions therein as may be approved by the officers who execute the Financing Documents, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery of the Financing Documents. The Town Clerk of the Lessee and any other officer of Lessee who shall have power to do so be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to affix the official seal of Lessee to the Financing Documents and attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of Lessee be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this resolution and the Financing Documents.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), Lessee hereby specifically designates the Lease as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

J. Outdoor Public Assembly:

Mr. Blanchette reported that last Tuesday, Sergeant Konieczny reported that he had learned from other State police members that there is an event showing up on the internet called "Hot Rod Riot" to be held at 7 Nutmeg Drive, Ellington, on July 10, 2010. Sergeant Konieczny felt this was a concern because of the size of the event being planned. Mr. Blanchette said that the group, "Murdercycles", had not submitted the appropriate paperwork necessary to hold a large event. Mr. Blanchette noted that there are ordinances in place that control gatherings and there are requirements depending on the size of the gathering. Mr. Blanchette met with two members of the Murdercycles group and explained the process to them. Mr. Blanchette added that the representatives from the group stated that they would turn in the necessary paperwork tomorrow. Mr. Blanchette said that there are many concerns about an event this large for the area it is planned for, and he noted that if the event is to include over 250 people, the process requires a 60 day notice; an obligation that cannot be met at this point. Mr. Blanchette noted that he will get more information when the gentlemen stop by with the paperwork tomorrow. Discussion was held regarding safety issues, zoning, crowd control, access to the fire trucks stored in the bay at 7 Nutmeg Drive, as well as other various concerns. Mr. Blanchette met with the owner of the property and has discussed these concerns.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it appears from advertising that a sponsor, known as "Murdercycles" is promoting an event entitled, "Hot Rod Riot", to be held in the area of the Nutmeg Business Park off of Pinney Street that will attract more than 250 people; and

WHEREAS, this sponsor has not applied for a special event license, as required by Ellington Ordinance Concerning Special Events, Town of Ellington Code, Chapter 17-1 through 17-10; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the above-noted ordinance will most likely impede the ability of the Ellington Fire Department to access its fire equipment in the business park, create a traffic problem on Pinney Street, disrupt the peace and quiet of the nearby residents, and not adequately provide for the health and safety of the participants or provide for the security of both the participants and nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor is in violation with the provisions of the Town Ordinance Concerning Special Events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN, that the First Selectman, Maurice Blanchette is authorized to initiate a lawsuit against any and all such people or entities that he may identify as the sponsor and or promoter of the above-noted event and to apply for a court injunction, as provided in the Ordinance, to prohibit the activity to take place.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted, except as follows:

- G. State Police Report: Mr. Blanchette advised Mr. Miller that the State Police report has been modified as he requested. Mr. Miller said that he noticed the change and appreciated it.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Personnel Committee:
1. Resignations: none
  2. Recommended Appointments:

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT MICHELE BEAULIEU, GARY CHAPLIN, ROBERT DAWSON AND JANET MARSHALL TO THE AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS TO JUNE 30, 2011.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT CHRISTOPHER MOYER TO THE COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM TO JUNE 12, 2012.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT JOHN GOLON AND EDWARD KRAMER TO THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS TO JUNE 30, 2013.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT J. RENEE IRVIN TO THE VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM TO JUNE 30, 2011.

- B. Other: None

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS:

Library Board: Ms. Burstein reported that she attended the meeting just before the end of the school year and they are busy getting ready for the summer reading programs.

Conservation Commission: Ms. Burstein reported that she attended the meeting and there was discussion regarding additional farmland preservation and open space education.

Human Services Commission: Ms. Burstein reported that Human Services is requesting to establish a steering committee for the future Senior Center. Mr. Blanchette said that they can go ahead and establish the steering committee. Ms. Burstein reviewed the programs and events that

Human Services is involved in and commended them for the volume and diversity of the work that they do. Ms. Burstein also noted that Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services, has been very active with successful programs. Mrs. Burstein added that there is an increasing and on-going need for private space for counseling services.

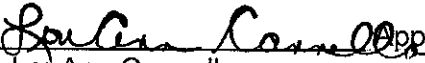
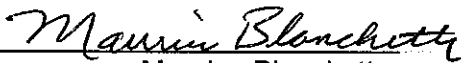
IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Blanchette reported that the Dojo property closing should be on Wednesday.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 10:41 P.M.

Submitted by  Approved by   
LouAnn Cannella Maurice Blanchette







DATE: June 9, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission/Board of Selectman

FROM: Bob Tedford and Mary Bartley/Recreation Department

SUBJ: 2010 Summer Recreation Department Program Staff(Day Camp)

<u>APPLICANT</u>		<u>WAGE</u>
1. Kristen Wasielewski, Director		\$13.50 Full-Time
2. Allison Breen, Assistant Director		\$11.00 Full-Time
3. Zachary Wasielewski		\$8.75 Part-Time*
4. Nicole Squadrito		\$8.75 Part-Time*
5. Karyn Deptula		\$9.75 Part-Time*
6. Kara Stauffer		\$8.50 Part-Time*
7. Kara Modzelewski		\$8.50 Part-Time*
8. Michael Bedson		\$8.50 Part-Time*
9. Chris Binkowski		\$8.50 Part-Time*
10. Sarah Chouinard		\$8.50 Part-Time*
11. Tim Heintz		\$8.50 Part-Time*
12. Tim Larew		\$8.50 Part-Time*
13. Dannea Reali		\$8.25 Part-Time*
14. Mike Gresh		\$8.25 Part-Time*
15. Zack Graves		\$8.25 Part-Time*
16. Lauren Arbeiter		\$8.25 Part-Time*
17. Brittany Boscarino		\$8.25 Part-Time*
18. Elizabeth Bedson		\$8.25 Part-Time*
19. Stone Oliver		\$8.25 Part-Time*

\*Part time hours will be based upon Day Camp enrollment.

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